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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Applicants have received the Notice of Allowance mailed on September 16, 2010. Please revise the subject application as indicated below. The Notice included an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("Statement"). The Statement appears to contain several inadvertent errors. Applicants thus wish to clarify the Statement.

First, the Statement erroneously suggests that all of the claims are directed towards methods or apparatuses. However, this is not true. For example, Claim 54 is directed towards “a computer-readable storage medium.”

Second, the Statement appears to erroneously suggest that all of the claims recite or imply “providing device-initiated network management.” Again, this is not the case. For example, independent Claim 78 does not recite such a feature, nor is such a feature in any way implicit in Claim 78.

Third, the Statement appears to erroneously suggest that all of the claims recite or imply “based on a request from the management application, a management request is created and

stored in a management proxy while awaiting a poll message for the management request from the network entity.” Again, this is not the case. For example, independent claim 78 also lacks this feature.

Applicants proceed in this matter with an understanding that, in quoting these features, the Statement was intended to state that some of the claims are allowed for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach the quoted features, while other claims are allowed because the prior art fails to teach other features recited in the other claims. If this understanding is not correct, Applicants respectfully request correction from the Office.

No fee is believed to be due for this paper. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1302. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that such contact would be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
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